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AMHS ANNOUNCES DISCOUNT FARES ON WINTER/SPRING SAILINGS

The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) announced today that it is offering reduced passenger fares for drivers departing Nov. 1 through April 30, 1998. The driver of a driveable, noncommercial vehicle will receive a 75% discount off the adult fare on any of the System's routes. Vehicles must be over ten feet in length to be eligible.

"A driver discount is popular during this time of year when people need to travel to neighboring communities. Alaskans will attend school sports events, begin their holiday shopping, visit friends and family, or participate in community events such as Bald Eagle Festival in Haines," stated Bob Doll, Operations Manager for AMHS. "And, many of our retired residents will take advantage of the savings as they arrange to travel south to warmer climates for the winter season."

The driver fare from Haines to Bellingham is \$60, a savings of \$180; from Haines to Prince Rupert is \$29, a savings of \$89 and from Ketchikan to Juneau \$18, a saving of \$56.

Also offered is a 50% discount on passenger fare for travelers 65 years or older departing from Oct. 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998. The discount is available for travel between Alaskan ports *only* on all of the System's vessels. Some restrictions apply.

For rates, sailing information and reservations call (800) 642-0066 or (907) 465-3941 or your local AMHS office.

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